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SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Please read the following information carefully before applying. The list below includes the South Carolina Department of Public Safety's automatic disqualifiers. If you meet any of these, you are disqualified from employment.

- Under 21 years of age at the time when recruits report to training academy
- Not a United States Citizen
- Not a South Carolina resident (Minimum 1 year SC residency required)
- No South Carolina drivers license (Minimum 1 year SCDL required)
- No High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- Dishonorable Discharge from the military
- Convicted of any crime punishable by imprisonment in a federal or a state prison
- Convicted for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs within the past 5 years
- Any conviction of Criminal Domestic Violence
- Drivers license currently suspended, revoked, or more than six points currently assessed against your license
- *A tattoo, brand, piercing or body art that can be seen while in short sleeve uniform
- Cannot meet minimum vision and hearing standards
- Sold any illegal drugs or controlled substances (including prescription drugs)
- Any felony conviction (whether convicted as a juvenile or an adult)
- Used and/or experimented with marijuana within the past 2 years
- Used and/or experimented with steroids within the past 5 years
- Used and/or experimented with controlled substance within the past 10 years

Body Piercings, Tattoos and/or Brands: *Piercings are not allowed to be visible while in any uniform of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety. This does not apply to piercing of the ear lobes on female troopers. Tattoos and/or Brands are not allowed to be visible while in any uniform of SCDPS.*

SCDPS CREDIT STANDARDS

The credit history and financial conditions of the applicant will be reviewed. Credit history will not be a sole basis for disqualification. Below is a list of minimal credit standards.

- An unsatisfied judgment
- An unpaid State or Federal tax lien
- Accounts written off as bad debt with a remaining balance
- Accounts turned over to a collection agency with a remaining balance
- Voluntary or involuntary repossessions with a remaining balance
- A student loan in default
- An account with a payment 120 days past due with a remaining balance
- A foreclosure account with a remaining balance
- An account “included in bankruptcy” with a remaining balance

Applicants who do not meet the credit standards will be given the opportunity to review their credit reports and submit documentation which indicates that they have taken responsibility for the accounts in question. (For example, paid in full receipts/letters, payment plan letters)

SALARY

Rank	Trooper/Officer Trainee	Trooper/Officer	Trooper/Officer First Class	Senior Trooper/Officer	Lance Corporal
Time	Patrol School	Graduation	1 ½ Years	2 ½ years	5 years
Salary	29,910	31,154	34,269	37,695	39,579

**** If you are a South Carolina law enforcement class I certified applicant your pay will be \$31,154 from day one of SCDPS Basic Training. ****

Immigration Enforcement Unit salary for non-SCDPS officers:
\$35,101

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What will life at the training academy be like?

Life at the academy will consist of 19 weeks of intense training which will be physically, academically, and mentally challenging. The academy is geared in a paramilitary setting with weekly academic testing and daily physical training. You attend the academy Sunday night until Friday afternoon, giving you the weekends off. (You will need to find housing on the weekends as the academy is closed from Friday afternoons until Sunday night)

2. How long does the application process take?

On average the hiring process takes four to six months to complete.

3. Will my out of state law enforcement certification allow me to lateral in?

No, out of state certifications are not recognized. South Carolina current class I certified officer certifications ARE recognized and those officers will only have to attend 9 weeks of the training academy.

4. Will my starting salary change based on my education achievements or prior certifications or experience?

No, all applicants start at the same pay regardless of education or training experience.

5. Do I need E-mail to apply?

Yes, the entire hiring process is web-based and paperless. All appointments, assignments and correspondence are done through your valid e-mail address.

South Carolina Department of Public Safety Pre-Employment Physical Fitness Test

Males

Age	Sit-Ups 1 minute	Push-Ups 1 minute	1 ½ Mile Run
21-29	30	22	14:00
30-39	26	18	15:00
40-44	22	14	16:00
45-49	18	12	17:00
50-54	14	9	18:00
55-62	10	6	19:00

Females

Age	Sit-Ups 1 minute	Push-Ups 1 minute	1 ½ Mile Run
21-29	26	8	16:00
30-39	22	7	17:00
40-44	18	6	18:00
45-49	14	5	19:00
50-54	10	4	20:00
55-62	6	3	21:00

South Carolina State Transport Police Residency Requirements

The South Carolina State Transport Police residency requirements dictate that you must reside within the district that you are assigned to. Please review the STP Districts map below to determine if you live in the district where the STP is offering employment. If you do not live in the same district, unless you are willing to re-locate, you are ineligible for employment.

South Carolina Highway Patrol Residency Requirements

The South Carolina Highway Patrol residency requirements dictate that you must reside within a 30 mile radius from the post headquarters that you are assigned to. If you indicate that you will not accept employment anywhere in the state on your application, you can list up to 5 counties in which you will agree work in. When you list these counties keep in mind that if you list them, you must live within a 30 mile radius of that county/post headquarters. Depending on where you live, this may limit your choices to just one or two counties. Please carefully review the 30 mile radius map below to ensure you adhere to the SCHP residency requirements for the area of the state in which you wish to work in.